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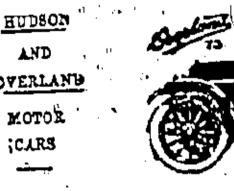
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THE CAPTURE OF BAGDAD.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN APPRECIATION.

Liondon, March 13. The comments of the French and Italian Press on the capture o Bagdad are even more enthusiastic than the British, "while the Neutral Press is greatly impressed by the significance of the British victory.

Parts. March 43. The Chairman of the Municipal Council, prior to proceeding to the business of the meeting, referred to the capture of Bagdad, saying that Frenchmen rejoiced at this fresh

the British. The Matin anticipates that Palestine g and then Syria, will fall intothe hands of the British, assisted by

proof of the indomitable energy of

the Arabs. The Temps, the Figure, and other papers emphasise that the glorious feat of arms has definitely ended Germany's dream of Eastern expansion and they anticipate a speedy Russians.

a veritable thunderbolt. This sums up French opinion which is surprised at the rapidity of General Maude's march.

The Temps says that Bagdad is the greatest victory achieved by the Entente for months.

The Debats says it is the first act in the great Anglo-Russian buttle

against the Turks. ITALIAN CONGRATULATIONS.

Rome, March 12.

The British Embassy is inundated with congratulations on the fall of Bagdad. "Many telegrams have been

sent to Mr. Lloyd George. . The newspapers are most enthusiastic. They declare that Great Britain is, even militarily, now the mainstay of the Entente.

DUTCH OPINION. :

AMSTERDAM, March 12. The Dutch newspapers are unanimous in regarding the "fall Bagdad as finally disposing Germany's dreams of a Berlin Bagdad railway. They declare that it is inconceivable that Great Britair restore Mesopotamia Turkey.

GERMAN COMMENT ON THE TURKISH DEFEAT.

AMSTERDAM, March 13. There is an undercurrent of real concern" in German comment on the

fall of Bagdad.

The Cologne Gazette says it is great success. "All the bazaars in the East will resound with the news that the Feringhis (English) have beaten the soldiers of the Padi Shah (one of the titles of the Sultan of Turkey) and have conquered the romantic City, of Bagdad. It would be a mistake to depreciate the importance of the success; nevertheless, it is firstly political." The

have approached theirs at Mosul. The Rheinisch Westfalische Zeitung says the English have won a momentary but burd Soissons. undeniable success, but when the Turks have been supplied with heavy artillery, Bagdad will not long tolerate the Anglo-Indian garrison

The Koclnischerolks Zeiluny says the British have won an indubitable success. The surrender of Kut was rightly described as a heavy blow, and the fall of Bogdad naturally follows. It wires out the stain on British arms and is a striking success, all the more so after the English forward move at Sinai. Although the success is transitory and does not affect the decision of the war, it is a heavy blow against Turkey and mainful for the quadruple alliance.

BRITISH CAPTURE

A BRILLIANT AND CLEVER "ENTERPRISE.

OF IRLES.

London, March 13. Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters says the details of the cupture of Irles show it to be one of the most brilliant and the most clever enterprises since the German

The attack was made from the west and south. The southern assauls started about dawn, when the British artillery directed a perfect tornado of fire on the enemy positions. The enemy gunners promptly replied, but, though their barrage lasted through the forencon, it caused little damage. The resistance generally was slight." A strong point, garrisoned by about fifty Germans, put un a short but obstinate. fight, but when a score of them were put out of action the remainder

surrendered. The success of the southern attack was facilitated by the western attack co-operation of the British and which was faultlessly timed. It came across the north of Irles and The British advance is described pinched out the garrison.

The southern force met a brisk, fusillade approaching the village, but the enemy threw up the sponge when. they found that they were caught in

Trles is excellently situated for defence, being on an eminence. Its: occupation greatly "strengthens, "our

position in this sector.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN REPORTS. LONDON, March 13.

A German official report, transmitted by wireless, states:

An English attack on a wide front southward of Arras failed with heavy

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FRENCH REPORT. A French communiqué states:

The Germans west of Maison-de-Champagne last night violently counter-attacked Hill 185. Our bar rage and machine-gun fire stopped the enemy dead. We maintained all our positions. We took 150 prisoners yesterday,

including three, officers. # An enemy coup-de-main in the

region of Louvenmont, on the right bank of the Meuse, was easily We made three coups-de-main

paper consoles its readers by reminding on German, trenches between Avres them that while the British are getting and the Aisne, which our fire had further from their main base the Turkal wrecked. We brought "back pri-

"The Germans continue to born Enemy attempts to reach our lines.

on the Croupy road and the region? of Beau-le-Chivy and further east. ward failed.

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THE SILVER MARKET!

Lonnon, March 18 Silver is quoted at 861d. There no more offering and the murcus

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917.

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ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 11.3) AM. on WEDNESDAY, 28th instant, to receive, a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 21st December, 1916 and the report of the General Managers. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 38th instant both days include

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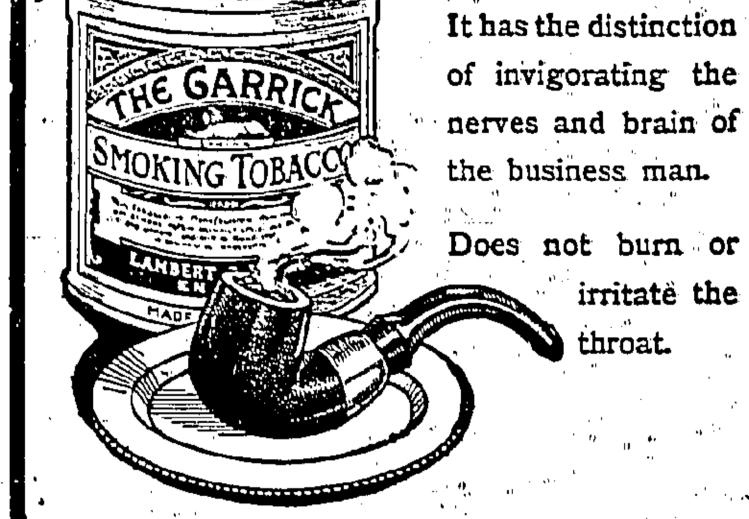
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THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONALITIES.

STATEMENT BY COUNT TISZA.

Amsterdam, January 25,-According to a Budapest telegram, in reply to a question by the Opposition party regarding President Wilson's address to the Senate, Count Tisza, the Premier, said that the Government was inclined that will guarantee to the peoples of to continue the further exchange of Lurope the blessings of lasting peace. I beg you to take cognizance of my reply. (Loud cheers.) subject of peace, and repeated that the Quadruple Alliance was ready to enter | ance of the Premier's reply .- Reuter. into negotiations with terms calculated to serve as a basis for a lasting peace. He proceeded.

On the other hand, the conditions of peace contained in the reply of our enemies to the United States are equivalent at least to the disintegration of the Monarchy and of the Ottoman mates to President Wilson's conception. appeared in the Handelsblad :-

. Sollong as the Powers opposed to us do not substantially change their war in the open seas has been made in Holsime an antagonism that cannot be, land as well as in Britain. We repeat this bridged exists between their standpoints and President Wilson's neace nims.

have to lay stress on the principle of nationalities in a peace.programme which would destroy the Hungarian nation and deliver the Mahomedan population of the Bosphorus region into Russian domination. But I say that the whole

of public opinion in Hungary holds the principle of nationalities in honour. The principle of nationalities in the formation of national States, however single nations live within "sharply marked ethnographical boundaries in compact masses and in regions suited for the organization of a State.

territories where various races live intermingled it is impossible that every single race can form a national State In such which the ships are struck. A floating territories it is only possible to create a State without national character or one on which the race, which, by its numbers and importance, predominates, imprints a national character. In such circumstances, therefore, only

that limited realization of the principle of nationalities is possible which the President of the United States rightly expresses in making the demand that security of life, religion, and individual and social development should be guaranteed to all peoples. I believe that nowhere is this demand realized to such submarines to lay mines round Britain. archy. I believe that in the regions destruction of British and neutral of South-Eastern Europe, which are inhabited by a varied mixture of peoples and nations, the demand for the free That more British than German mines

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development of nations annot be more existence and domination of the Austron MITSUBISH! GOSHIKWAISHA Hangarian Monarchy. (Cheers.)

We feel ourselves, therefore, completely in agreement with the demands of the Fresident of the United States. We shall strive for the realization, so far as is possible, of this principle in the regions lying in our immediate neighbourhood. I can only repeat that, true to our traditional foreign policy and true to the standpoint which we took up in our peace action in conjunction with our Allies, we are ready to do everything

The House unanimously took cogniz-

ANCHORED MINES IN OPEN SEAS.

We (Gazette de Holland) published re-Empire. . . . We are, therefore, forced | cently a statement by the Wolff Bureau to resist with our utmost strength so on the subject of mines laid indiscriminlong as this is the war aim of our ene- ately on the high seas. It will be remies. In such circumstances there can membered that Wolff endeavoured to be no doubt which group of Powers by explain that it was not Germany but its attitude is the obstacle to peace and Britain who was responsible. A stingwhich group by its attitude approxi- ing reply to this amazing assertion has

The assertion that Germany lays mines belief and it is to us a matter of great regret that the latest Orange Book gives I will not dilate on the question what | no indication of the Government having moral justification England and Russia done anything to oppose this entirely illegal practice. It is perhaps desirable to restate the grounds for this belief and also why we think" the Wolff Bureau (the German Government) begs the question.

It has nothing to do with floating mines which have not been rendered harmless. We are convinced mines are laid in the shipping routes. No one who sees the reports of captains can doubt this. The ships go by day, only and floating mines can only unrestrictedly prevail where for which a special look out is kept, are almost as visible as a buoy. The mining of ships must thus be accomplished alnost invariably by lmines deliberately placed and anchored so that they will remain below surface. The same conclusion is indicated by the positions, in mine strikes a ship by the water line . an anchored mine strikes lower down.

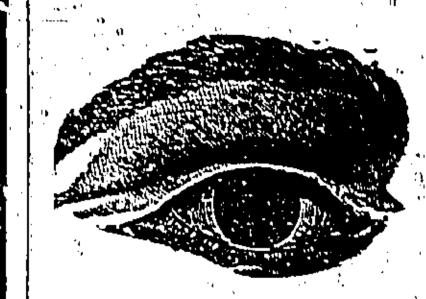
THE REAL QUESTION. If, then, there exists strong reason to suppose that anchored mines are laid in the shipping routes, there can be no doubt who lays the mines. No normal man would suggest that Britain lay mines where British ships do but hostile ships do not, navigate, where spart from British there are only neutral ships as often as not carrying British goods. If Britain does not lay the mines there is only one other country that can, and that other country, we know, sends out a degree as in both States of the Mon- That country has a real interest in the are cast up on the Dutch coast.

That is true, and it is true, too, that Britain has laid mine fields on a large scale in the North Sea. Whether she has or has not a right to do this, the fact remains that in the case of British mines adequate warning is given of the position and extent of the fields." Wolff says German mines become harmless when they break from their

moorings. As a rule both German and British mines do this. The assertion that British mines explode when cast ashore is untrue. We understand that the Dutch authorities are of opinion that the British mines are not more dangerous than the German when they break loose. But the complaint is not directed

against mines which break away from their moorings. In most cases such mines become harmless. The complaint is that in the few routes still open to bur shipping and along which our grain imports must come, as well as the traffic to and from our colonies, anchored mines are laid. If all this is not sufficient for our Government to charge Germany with laying mines without warning. surely an enquiry at least would not be

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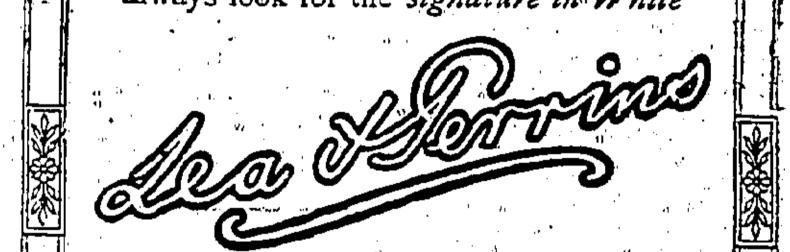
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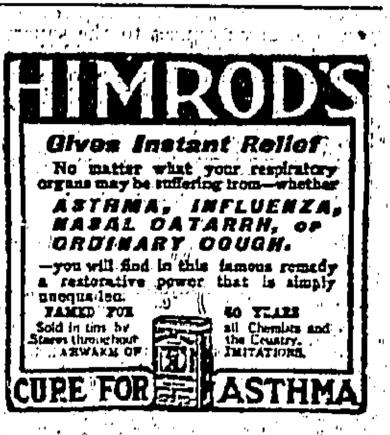
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DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Yesterday afternoon, Lady May presented, in the lounge of the Peal Hotel, the prizes gained by th pupils of the Peak School. There was quite a large attendance for such an occasion, amongst those present beiffy the Bishop of Victoria and Mr. Balphs, Inspector of English Schools.

The pupils provided an entertainment of songs and recitations, after which Mr. Balphs read the report for the year ending 1916 as follows: 2.

The School has now completed its third year, which closes with 50 oupils on the roll: 32 new pupils have been admitted and 16 have left during this posiod "The general small Dining Tables, Chairs, a large health of the School, which has been quantity of Table Linen, &c., Electro visited quarterly by Dr. McKenny, has been very good, although an outbreak of whooping cough in July, which threatened to become an Washstands, Toilet, Sets, Bed Linen and epidemic and which continued well on to the beginning of October, was the cause of a considerably decreased attendance during the months of Two Finnes (one by Collard and July, September, and October, Collard), Tennis Net and Poles, fall size | Another reason for the low average attendance in the summer mouths was that from the beginning of May many pupils were away either at Weihaiwei or in Japana many of them not returning until the end of October. Only nine children have attended regularly throughout th year. During October and November the School again filled, the latter field month having the record attendance of 43.7 With the increased attendarice the difficulties of suitable classification were felt.

> taught in three Divisions, the worl done is very satisfactory. The older children read English and French lextremely well; Arithmetic is very good, but Writing in some cases calls for attention. Discipline, which I was obliged to criticise somewhat severely last year, is now excellent. Miss Skinner's Class is taught in four Divisions. Reading in the Senior Division is very good. Brushwork is satisfactory. The Infant's Class taught by Miss Rodger is in two Divisions. Kindergarten work WHOLE NATION HARNESSED INTO is good, but very little is done, as it is understood that parents do not! desire it. French is very good; the children are able to understand orders given to them in French. Many parents have expressed their gratification that the children should begin at such an enrly age to use simple French phrases. Singing, also in French, is good. Drill is evidently publicity which hitherto has been absent much liked by the pupils; exercises are vigorously and smartly carried out. March and August a decisive struggle Breathing exercises are correctly done, and the Medical Officer reports that the chest measurements of the children have been increased thereby. As at the borders on the west and have already Victoria British School it is noticeable begun feeler raids at various parts of the that physical exercises are done better by girls than by boys. Simple games suited to the space at the disposal of the pupils are played daily. The Hon.
>
> Mr. Claud Severn has offered the thorast that the resumption of operations put together.
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> Work on the Bapaume flank has streng-than all other winter operations put together. Mr. Claud Severn has offered the thened the general position and has also bitterly incensed over what you consider school the use of a playing field shown that in the interval of rest the which adjoins his house, but himself to any degree of safety from the unfortunately the distance between the artillery and infantry tactics of the school and the field is so great that the strate the upper hand we have in our children have not so far been able to methods, and the confidence of our armies avail themselves of his kindness. Athletic in their ability to smash the enemy this Sports were, however, held on the were ever better equipped. ground in April: Prizes were provided by friends of the School, and the children displayed great enthusiasm and no little prowess in the various events. There was a large attendance of parents and others, and tea was provided by Mr. Severn who very kindly assumed the role of host on the occasion. The older children have recently started a fund, to which they subscribe a small sum weekly, for the support of one prisoner-of-war

assisted on Rose Day and Heather Day. Mr. Ralphs mentioned a sum of £4 children to use her tennis courts and crows and for transportation of the also Mr. Peuster, the manager of the

were assembled. On behalf of Lady May, Mr. Ralphs said: Lady May has asked me to say! a few words to you on her behalf. Her Ludyship desires me to express the great pleasure the feels in being present the German Emperor telegraphed from to day and in distributing the prizes, Some one has said recently that it should be our object to train our children able determination to tchieve victory for work and leisure, to fit the growing of the German people which is prepared for every sacrifice of blood and treasure, generation icr service of nome, society will, I trust to God, preserve the Fatherand the state, to admit all to the quest land from the ruin, planned by our for goodness, truth and beauty; to the sword the peace necessary for the make of our children better and happier | blessed (segensteich) development of our itizens. This is the old object all in the people."

ideal is high, but however'short of it we may fall, I think you will agree that the school is progressing towards that ideal. If we were to ask andy May, what she would like best to see in a school. know she would reply, "Happy faces,"

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I venture to say that happy faces in a school are an indication that there is very little amiss, and whenever I have visited this school I have never seen any but the happiest of faces, faces full of interest in the occupation of the moment It is well to remember that the training which makes us happiest in ourselves also makes us most serviceable to others. and on the other hand when we are most serviceable to others we are happiest in ourselves; this I know our children are realising in the little sacrifices they make to provide funds out of which war in Germany. Lady May congratu-

The Prize list was as follows :-Attendance for three years, Annie Miller; Composition, Alice Morton

best wishes for its continued progress.

Stedman General Progress, Esme Scott Harston, Writing and Dictation, Billie Dunbur; Geography, Drawing Brushwork, Barbara James.

Class V.-Reading and French, June Looker: Arithmetic, John Lander General Knowledge, Jacks Churchill Reading, Recitation and Physical Exercise. Tom Churchill: Arithmetic and Writing, Jim Messer .; Composition, Writing and Needlework, Hilda Butter

Class VI-Form Prize, Sheila Tisdall, Geography and History, Jack Miller: French, Wendy Roberts; Arithmetic, David Ellis; Writing and Composition, Lucy Norton." Class VII-Writing, Henry Butter-

Class VIII-Arithmetic, Ronald Armstrong : Writing, Alec Pearce : Reading, William Hancock : Drawing and Brushwork, Gordon Chatham : Arithmetic and Recitation, Bunty Carter: General Progress, Ben Humphreys; Handwork and Writing, Chas. Butterfield; General In Mrs. Main's Class, which is ! Progress, Bryan Adams.

Kindergarten-Writing, Heath Messer French "Recitation, Buster Churchill

General Progress, Binkie Tisdall, Master Donald Hogg and Miss Pamelia Potter then presented Lady May with a fine basket of flowers and the pupils expressed their thanks to Her Ladyship by a hearty clapping

THE COMING GREAT STRUGGLE.

THE EFFORT.

A Pioneer (Allahabad) cable, dated

London, February 21, says :-The new policy of taking the nation into confidence over the coming opera-tions has had a stimulating general effect. Mr Arthur Henderson and Mr Neville Chamberlain have both spoken of the prospect of ending the war this summer by victorious operations and the utterances of Lords Milner, Curzon and Lytton have added to the degree of

from appreciations of the campaign. It is realised everywhere that between will take place and the whole nation is being harnessed into the effort and nerved for the test. The Germans are making great efforts to collect new enemy has not been able to entrench year is most pronounced. No armies

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Innila, have filed suits in the Courts return. sceking the recovery of the amounts of Mr. Dobbins, giving judgment, said ;-Germany. Many of the children money furnished the 23 German vessels interned in Philippine ports, which have ust been seized by the authorities. had already been sent and another £4 are made the defendants in the actions; was ready. He also said he wished to money is due the local shipping firm for thank Mr Miller for allowing the advances for the provisioning of the

The aggregate amount of judgments Peak Hotel, for the room in which they sought by plaintiffs approximates half a million pesos.

> The German papers announce that General Headquarters in reply to the Pinkettes, the little gentle-as nature birthday congratulations of the Academy of Sciences as follows :- "The unshale-

ACTRESS SUED.

BANDMAN ARTISTE'S ENGAGE-

. A. CALCUTTA CASE

A case of unusual interest was heard in the Small Cause Court, Calcutta, secently, in a suit for attachment before judgment, of an engagement ring valued at its, 300, in which the plaintiff was Mr. Frank Newell, and the defendant was Miss Addie Leigh, one of the principals of the Eandman Opera Company. Mr. Arnowitz, for the plaintiff, "said that his client had been on fliendly terms with detendant for the past four years, and that he gave her the ring as a token of a narriage engagement. It was not for the value of the ring that his client they maintain one British prisoner of brought this suit, but on principle.

Plaintiff, examined, said he first met lates the school, and expresses her very detendant some years ago at Hongkong. He made a proposal of marriage to her by letter; and when she came to Calcutta, Class III.—Form Prize, Regular The defendant arrived in Calcutta some time in October or November. He placed French, Rending and Geography, Angel the ring on the lady's engagement finger, i Plaintiff further said that the manager Class IV. Form Prize, Veronica But of the Bandman Opera Company wanted terfield; History and Geography, Gwen to announce the engagement to s the public, but he asked him not to. The ring was accepted as a token of an engagement, or why should be subsequencly break it off owing to her actions? Plaintiff stated that he had made an appointment with the defendant to take her to see the race for the Vicerov's Cup. but she declined to go. That same afternoon a total stranger, a young sublitern. came to tiffin; and the defendant paid

him undue arrention. Mr. Arnowitz: Was he a smart your sub?-Mr. Newell: An unusually smart chap; a boy who had just left home. That is not the only instance.

Mir. Arnowitz said his client had given her presents to the value of Rs. 2,000 or Es. 3,000, and he had a list of them. Mr. Bensley ; I deny that statement. The plaintiff was then cross-examined

Are you a married man?-I am a When did your wife die?-I suppose about 12 or 15 months ago. I am get-

by Mr. Bensley as follows: ##

ting evidence"on that matter. At the time you proposed, you were not aware she was dead?-I had heard

Is that an honourable thing to do?-Miss Leigh knew"that. You don't know if your wife is dead?

-Not definitely. How can you propose if you do not know whether she is dead? Plaintiff replied that he was getting evidence of her death. In fact he had received a cable to that effect.

Did Miss Leigh promise to marry you? -Flaintiff: Yes. o.

I put it to you that she never promised?-I have evidence on that point. I'put it to you it was merely an understanding?-Ridiculous. My partner and half, of Calcutta knew it.

Did you break off the engagement?-Yes. She did not treat me as she should. Mr. Bensley here rend the following! etter :- " My Denraddie.-After a night shopleseness and hitter reflections. and reviewing the events of the last 24 hours, I write to ask you to release me, from my engagement." I cannot express in this the great sorrow and anguish this causes me but I can see that if your loved me you would not treat me in the manner you have done. I don't wish to dwell on any points before your vision save only that your new-found friends, apparently in your estimation, are more worthy of your time and consideration than myself; but'I am not a "jellyfish." I refuse to stand it, even though it cost my unmannerly behaviour; but reviewing the facts I cannot bring myself to blame. This letter has caused me some most sorrowful thoughts; nay more, it is the greatest grief of my life, the realisation of which you will know." My heart's ideals and hopes, are completely shattered; and I care not how soon the end may come. I regret I cannot see you to say good-bye. I wish you all thut happiness in life which you crave for. Believe

me, always youn heart-broken Frank." Asked why he wanted an attachment, plaintiff stated that at one time he was an advance agent in the Bandman Opera Company, and he knew of several cases of dismissals and breaking off of contracts; and as the defendant holds a Messra Behn, Meyer and Company, of contract in Australia, she might not

It is admitted by plaintiff that defendant is under contract with the Bandman The owners of the various steamers Opera Company to return to Calcutta in a few months. I think he has failed to show that defendant is leaving with any intention to delay execution of any decree. It is not necessary for me to enter into any other question of this application. The application is dismissed.

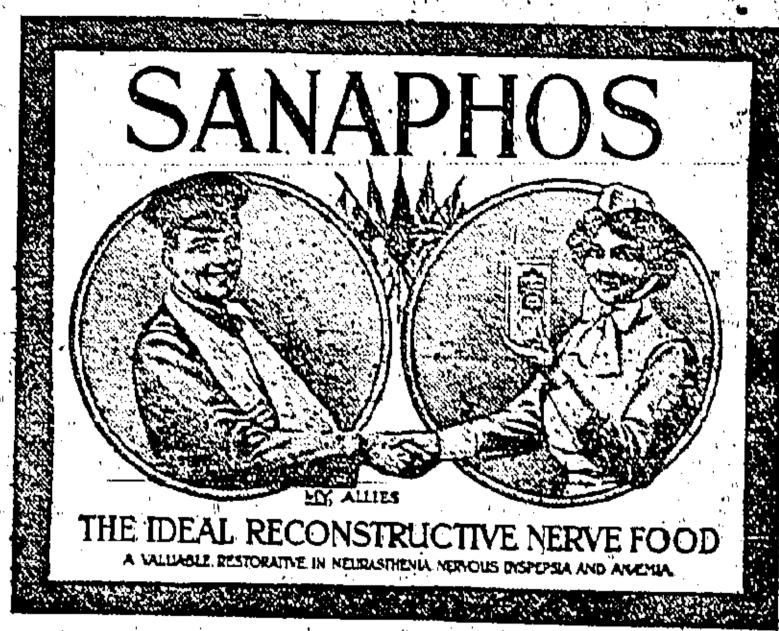
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Even the German papers are con-

strained to admit that the British

capture of the city of Bagdad, and

contained in the statement that while

approached theirs at Mosul. This

rate of the projected German'

railway to Bagdad. Another hundred

miles directly north of Mosul is Lake

map does not suggest that the

from a retirement on Mosul. Until.

however, the further objects of the

campaign in Mespotamia are more

noticed in to-day's telegrams that

the French are anticipating speedy

Bagdad railway route remains to

be seen. Bagdad is known to the

Raschid is no more. The Bagdad

of to day is described as" "of

appearance, remarkable only as the

capital of a remote province of the

Turkish Empire, where Trade is

greater than Tradition and foreign

Consuls are above the names

of the Caliphs." Its population is

about 150,000, and its foreign com-

£2,500,000 a year, of which nearly

This figure in itself conveys an

erroneous impression of the pur-

chasing powers of Bagdad and it

necessary to explain that something

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO FOR TO-MORROW. Legislative Council Meeting.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 18:-11 a.m.-Auction of Rugs, Sheets, Sweater Coats, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's. BATURDAY, March 17:-

St. Patrick's Day. Dance at "Kingsclere". 10.30 a.m.—Auction of Table Cloths, merce averages in value about

Dress Materials, Boots and Shoes, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's. 4.30 p.m. - Matinee by Bandmann Opera Co. in aid of Entertainment 90 per cent, is British and Indian. Fund for men of H. M. Services.

MONDAY, March 10:-Police Reserve Orchestra at Govern-5.30 p.m. - Launching of the a.s.

"Kwaisang" at Kowloon Dock. WEDNESDAY, March 21:-St. Paul's College Athletic Sports on Race Course, Happy Valley.

Persia. The immediate importance MONDAY. March 26:p.m.—Annual General Meeting of and significance of the capture of the Hongkong General Chamber of Bagdad for us is that as the Commerce.

TUESDAY, March 27 :-11.30 s.m.—Green Island Cement Co's. Meeting. Noon. - Queen's College Athletic dream of Eastern expansion. If a

Sports on College Ground, Causep.m.-Annual General Meeting of

the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong. TUREDAY 27 & WEDNESDAY March 28:— of the Persian Gulf to Karachi, it 2.15 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Bracside," 20 Mac- would be nearly straight. That line

donnell Road." WHUNESDAY, March 28 :-

11.30 a.m. Hongkong Ice Co's. Meet-Noon.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co's. .. Meeting.

Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day. Farmer, March 30 :--

CHURSDAY, March 29 :--

Boon China Sugar Refining Co's. Meeting.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Commerce Chinese Language School on Monday, April 2nd.

The annual Athletic Sports in connection [with St. Phil's College take place at" Happy Valley on Wednesday next. Mrs. Lander has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

A new steamer for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., is to be launched at the Kowloon Docks next Monday. The steamer will bear the name "Kwaisang."

Meeting; and that of the Association for 27th inst.

The import and export trade of the Philippine Islands for the month of January showed a total amounting to P20,193,302. As compared with the corresponding month of the year previous this showed a total increase of P363.967 There was a P1,312,872 increase in imports, and a decrease in island exports amounting to P948,905.

have achieved a great success by the that it would be a mistake to Japanese immigrate in the islands in on the four houses for that period. depreciate the importance of that considerable numbers, and engage in all The plaintiff claimed \$1,000 only in pursuits, specially in agriculture. order to secure summary jurisdiction. success. The only consolution they Numbering about 200, there recently are able to offer their readers is contracted to work on the Mindanao failure to carry on the work. the British are getting further from plantations. The boarding houses on their main base, the Turks have Calle Eldorado and Calle Globo are filled His Lordship passed fjudgment in to the limit with these labourers who favour of the plaintiff." city_is_situated_ubout_150 miles are waiting for the boats that are to further up the Tigris, still on the take them to their destination

The first annual meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce of China was held at Shanghai last week Van. In this region apparently the when the following were elected to the executive committee: Messrs. C. H. Russians have a considerable army concentrated and a glance at the Blake, W. A. Burns, J. J. Connell, L. Everett, A. S. Fobes, J. W. Gallagher, E. K. Howe, J. H. McMichnel, Lysam, this morning. Turks can derive much consolation N. T. Saunders, P. F. Wisner, B. Atwood ture, Double and Single Bedsteads fully disclosed it is futile to speculate resulted in the choice of Mr. W. A. Burns "Tik Pat" (own handwriting) on any (Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner Waggons, on the further operations. All that for President, Mr. W. C. Sprague for important document. Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, is now obvious is that the Vice-President and Mr. P. L. Bryant Do you find the words "Tik Pat" on co-operation by the British and for Secretary. The report of the these two promissory notes? (shown) Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, &c., Bath Russian armies in the Asiatic retiring President, Mr. J. H. McMichael, -No.

FOOD PRICES IN HONGKONG:

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, said. "I should always do it myself." and the Russians. A junction of these forces would seem to be a K.C., has given notice of his intenpossibility of the very near future. tion to ask the following questions at to-morrow's meeting of Whether they will endeavour to Legislative Council: reach Constantinople together by the

1.-Or what date did the Committee. lency the Governor to fix from time? to time the maximum price for which any article of food may be sold by retail in the Colony, issue their last mum price?

-Will His Excellency the Governor ant document?-Yes. direct another Meeting of such Comfor the purpose of fixing a maximum price for articles of food?..

-With reference to paragraph 6 of the schedule of maximum prices in the Government : Proclamation, which paragraph runs as follows:-

"The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above

mustard, table salt and bacon have been raised more than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in -the Colony on the 25th July, 1914?

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

We are officially informed, that sub- not." line were drawn from Berlin through Vienna, Constantinople, and Bagdad eject to audit, the General Managers and and continued down the north shore Consulting Committee of the Hongkong S. W. Tso, solictor, and Mr. J. H. Seth, shareholders to be held on 28th instant, company, the Court adjourned. marks the short cut from Europe to the payment out of the profits for the India. When the Bagdad railway year 1915 of a dividend of \$27.00 per is completed it will be possible to share absorbing \$216,000; to pass reach Karachi from London in eight £15,000 to credit of Reinsurance Fund; recently in the disposal of racehorees in instead of in 15 days. We are 3203,140.51 to credit of investment and making sure that if ever that line is Exchange Fluctuation Account; and to Buchanan and L. Neumann at Newextended to Basra it will not be by carry forward \$467,907.73 in respect of

the year 1916.

"THE LAW COURTS.

Before Sir William Rees Davies, the Chief Justice, this morning, Lan Shun Cho of 12 Chancery Lane, Victoria, claimed from Young King Shung, of A class for "Beginners" in Chinese 120 Canton Road, Kowloon, damages will be started at the H. K. Chamber of for breach of a building contract dated November 15, 1916; the defendant having refused to carry out contract. Plaintiff claims \$1,000 and costs. Mr. Agassiz appeared for the plaintiff and Mr R. C. Faithful for the

that the plaintiff purchased a plot of until Saturday, hail being fixed at \$300 land on Kennedy Road on which to for the first defendant and \$50 for the build four houses. The building other two defendants. .. contract was put out to tender and on November 15, 1916, the defendant's was, found to be the lowest tender and he secured the contract. " The Annual General Meeting of The plans and other decumen s the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce were signed by the defendant and has been fixed for 26th inst., to be the work should have been comfollowed by a special Extraordinary menced on November 16, but there was some delay owing to the defendant collecting money, was jostled by of Exporters and Dealers of Flongkong being unable to get stone. After a man who simultaneously extracted delay of six, weeks defendant asked to be released from his contract and correstenders had to be called for and the lowest was \$61,000 an increase on defendant's tender of \$3,500. A further While Filipinos emigrate to Hawaii loss had been sustained, as the building leaving their fertile uncultivated lands, of the houses had been delayed for three says a Manila contemporary, the months, thereby incurring a loss of rental

Evidence was taken as to the signing arrived in the city Japanese labourers of the contract and the defendant's

After hearing defendants evidence

THE SUSPICIOUS DOCUMENTS

hearing of the action brought by the Official Receiver (Mr. Carpmael) against the Po Yuen, Ma Che Lung and Lee

"Mr. Chan Kang Yu, Compradore of Robinson and W. C. Sprague, all but Messrs Douglas Lapraik & Co., crossthe last two being members of the 1916 examined by Mr. C., G. Alabaster, said committee. The election for officers that he would, in practice, always put

was adopted and a vote of thanks given " For that reason do you consider that

Leung Hin Kei chap on them. Questioned as to whether he thought a document was a forgery if it did not contain the words "Tik Pat," witness

Ku Yin San has not put "Tik Pat" on those notes; do you consider them forgeries for that reason !-- I do not care what other people do, I should put "Tik Pat" myself. I cannot say that the which was appointed by His Excellinates are forgeries, and it is Ku Yin San's business if he is in the habit of not including the words "Tik Pat."

Would you consider a letter to a price list setting forth such maxi- bank guaranteeing payment of an amount from one person to another an import-

Here is a guarantee for an overdraft mittee to be held at an early date for \$100,000 signed by Ku Yin San; would you have put "Tik Pat" on that document —Yes.

Now you have seen five documents signed by Ku Yin San without "Tik Pat" on them !-Yes.

And it does not appear to be his rogue. practice to put "Tik Pat" on documents. be signed by him !-I. don't know who "raised more than 15 per cent. signed the documents, I don't know Ku above the retail prices prevail- | Yin San's handwriting." I did not come ing in the Colony on the 25th here for this. Lonly came to say what premises and could give no explanation had been decided in the Chamber of

> His Lordship-We are investigating a very important case and you will not be assisting the Court by not giving evidence on this matter.

Further questioned by His Lordship witness said, "I do not know whether it is Ku Yin San's practice to put "Tik Pat" on documents signed by him, or

Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recom- the accountant who audited the books mend at the forthcoming meeting of and prepared a balance sheet of the

> Considerable interest was evinced training and yearlings belonging to the Duke of Westminster, and Messrs. J. market, when 35,110 guiness was obtained for eighty-one horses, an average of 433 guiness.

THE MAGISTRACY.

LARCENY AND ASSAULT.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese was charged with attempting to steal a sum of money from the person of a contractor in Reclamation street, Yaumati, and two other Chinese were charged with assaulting the complainant in an unsuccessful effort to prevent the Brst defendant's arrest.

On the application of Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared as solicitor for In opening the case Mr. Agassiz said the defendants, the case was remanded

POCKET PICKING.

Whilst passing along Des Vœux Road near Sincere Company's store yesterday afternoon, a shopkeeper, who was only just come ashore for a drink. 8250 in bank notes from shopkeeper's coat pocket.. The shoppondence passed, the result of which keeper seized the thief and shouted, was that plaintiff agreed to cancel the "stealing money!" whereupon the thief contract on payment of \$500 immedi- threw the bank notes in the road, broke ately. This amount was not paid and away from his captor and took to his the defendant refused to go on with the heels. He was caught, however, by a work. The consequence was that fresh Reserve constable, who, although off duty and in civilian clothes, was witness to the incident.

When the man was brought before Mr. Melbourne this morning and charged learned that he had just returned from German situation. banishment and had served a previous conviction for a similar offence.

After hearing the evidence His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks, in lieu of the last day of the imprisonment

JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

nails from a shipperd in Chung Sau Wan by a man employed in the yard. As. he approached the boys, they ran away Mr. Justice Gompertz resumed the but he gave chase and succeeded in catching one of the fugitives. The boy was delivered into custody and whilst directing a constable to his residence he pointed out, one of his informally on the subject hitherto. companions, whereupon the second boy was arrested.

When the two lads appeared before Mr. Wood this morning, they stated diplomatic circles:

Rock Buoy dislocated his right arm but that they had been sent to steal. It is reported that the Foreign nevertheless stuck to the tiller and won beat them if they refused to do it.

sentenced to receive ten strokes of him for his efforts on the, Chamber's they are not legal?-They have the Po the birch and be detained in Victoria gaol for 24 hours.

THEFT OF BRICKS.

The theft of bricks from a contractor engaged in erecting a building in Wanchai was reported to the Police: As a result, the building was watched and a number of coolies arrested. They stated, however, they had been employed to remove the bricks. On this information their employer was taken into custody and brought before, Mr. Wood this morning.

After hearing the case His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

A VAGABOND AND ROGUE.

In Mr. Melbourne's Court this morning an unemployed. Chinese was charged with being a vagabond and

In appeared the defendant had been arrested on the first floor of Mesurs Whiteaway and Luidlaw's store by an Indian watchman employed on as to his presence in the building.

Evidence was taken and the de the following imported provisions, namely, golden syrup, jam, cheese, want to go away and attend to my fendant, who had served two previous hard labour and four hours' stocks.

> FAILED TO REPORT A SMALL POX CASE.

A Chinese woman was fined \$25 this morning by Mr. Melbourne for failing After hearing further evidence by Mr. to report a case of smallpox. The alternative was a month's imprisonment.

HIS TWENTY-SECOND CHILD.

more important matters, as a sign of grief at the death of the twenty-second child of their colleague, Member Isabelo | be recured if only the Trustees had their de la Reyes

THE MARINE COURT.

In the Marine Court this morning, before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N. Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, . the Captain Superintendant of Police charged Ernest G. Andrew, second mate of s.s. Fuk Hoi.

with unlawfully refusing to join his ship and absenting himself therefrom on March 13 and 14. Mr. John Dewar, Marine Superintendant of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, deposed that the master of the Pak Hoi reported yesterday that the second officer, Andrews, had gone ashore the evening before with leave until that night, the ship being under sailing orders for the next Musetta 50,30 D. N. s. morning at daylight. Communication Aileen " 3.22 D. N. S. with the police was made and defendant (1) Dione 8 43 was arrested at 10 o'clock p.m. He (2) Rolla stated that the conduct of the (3) Colleen defendant had delayed the ship for (4) Jessica

more than 36 hours. Evidence was taken. Defendant said in "defence that

to a fine of \$100 and imprisonment with hard labour for 8 weeks.

CHINA AND THE WAR.

ACTIVITY IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

(Wah Tax Yat Po's Service.) Peking, March 13.

Two important mandates will be with pocket picking and larceny it was issued to-day relating to the Sino-

> Telegrams are being prepared "for dispatch to the United States and the Allied Nations.

In view of the development in the political situation the War Council Lady Ursula Scratch D N S D N S

met yesterdiy. Certain influential persons have suggested to the Government the advisability of creating a National Council consisting of prominent Four small boys were seen stealing ex-statesmen, to discuss the situa-

> The Government has appointed Luk Ching Cheong a Special Delegate to negotiate with the Entente Ministers as to China joining the Allies, as he has been negotiating and reflects great credit on Miss Pheobe Sun Yut Sen's telegram to Mr. Lloyd George opposing China joining the Entente is very unpopular in

the nails by a man who threatened to Department has instructed Ngan Wai Hing! the Chinese Minister, to pre-After evidence was heard one of the pare to leave Germany, and has boys was discharged, but the other was lasked the Mexican Minister to take charge of Chinese interests.

GERMAN BANK SEIZES SALT

SURPLUS: " The German Bank has notified the Government that it will retain last month's salt surplus \$700,000 for the payment of debts owed by the Chinese Government.

THE SHANGHAI RECREATION

VALUABLE CRICKET FIELDS.

The forty-seventh annual report of the secretary of the trustees of the Shanghai Recreation Fund, contains the following items of interest: Present Value of the Land.—By the new assessment the Race Course Property is valued at Tls. 12,000 a mow, and the 430 mow, are, therefore, worth Tla. 5,160,000. Taking the mow at 7,260 square feet and the tael as the equivalent of 1.165 ounces, we have 3,121,800 square feet of land worth : more than 6,000,000 standard ounces of silver, or nearly 2 ounces to the square foot an amount sufficient to provide for a thick coating of silver for the whole area -mud-course, creeks, roads, buildings, and everything else. With land of such value, the area needed for a cricket or baseball match is worth to the full

quarter of a million taels. As has been mentioned, the income from the Race Course property has slightly increased; but, after expenditure has been deducted, the net return to the Trustees, taken in conjunction with the new assessment, is no more than about one-fortieth of one per cent. It was in view of such facts as this

that the Golf and Polo Clubs last year made voluntary contributions to the convictions, was sentenced to 14 days' Recreation Fund of Tls. 100 and \$100 respectively. These sums would have been larger but for the results of the war in increased membership. Other clubs have expressed their willingness to follow this excellent example, and if there were a general understanding to the effect that each player using the ground regularly should give a single dollar per annum to the fund—the contribution being purely voluntary—the Trustees would soon have a sum sufficient to aid growing districts remote from this central position. During past years the community has gladly availed itself of the privileges secured by the foresight of our predecessors, but comparatively little has been done for those who are to follow. The Hongkew Park and the Western Park have been acquired, in each case with the assistance of the Trustees, and there is just now an opportunity of adding to the former an area which should be secured without on. Tuesday morning the Muricipal | spaces for children, such as the Quinsan Board seljourned after considering the | Garden | It is too late now to get their within the more populous quarters, but little plots in the outskirts could easily funds increased in the manner suggested.

SPORTING.

YACHTING.

ROTAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The result of the eighth of the series of the Club Championship Races for the Handicap; One Design, and Heyward Hays and Gael Classes are as follows: RANDICAP CLASS.

Churse :- Lyemun Beacon (P), Cust Rocks Buoy (P), Lyemun Beacon (P)-

Distance 10.1 miles. H'eap on Finishing Corrected. Tacht. Course Time.

ONE DESIGN CLASS. Course :- Channel Rock (P), Cust ... The Magistrate sentenced defendant Rocks (P), Chan et Rock (S). Distance

Heapon Finishing Corrected Course "Time M. S. "H. M. S. H. M. S. Daphne Haleyon ' 4 23 19 4 23 19 Pts. for race Pts. to date. Position

(1) Ailsa 2) Haleyon .. - Bonita ... - Duphne ... HEYWARD HAYS AND GAEL CLASS.

Course :- Channel Rocks (P), Cust Rocks Buoy (P), Channel Rocks (S), Distance 6.9 miles. Heap on Finishing Corrected

Time Lysbethowes1.44 4 23 48 4 25 32 Toinnette ...rec. Position" Pts. for race Pts. to date. (1) Lysbeth... (2) Dawn Toinnette...

- Lady Ursula These events were contested in astrong E.N.E. wind with heavy sea running and several of the yachts were forced to give

up the race through accident. The margin of time with which the Dione won her race again demonstrates the heavy weather qualities of the yacht May who, accompanied by Miss Iris May, steered the boat to victory.

The weather conditions recalls a race. sailed over the same course some years ago when the Dione won a championship race steered by His Excellency Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G. who rounding the Cust

The ninth and last race for the Championships will be sailed off on Saturday 17th inst. Course Stonecutters Island (Starboard). " "

CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIP. The results of the fourth of the series of Cruiser Championship Races is as

follows :-ENGLISH RIG. Course:-Chung Chau Island (S). Dis

H'cap on Finishing Corrected Yacht. " Course. Time. MS BMS HMS Irene 44 00 4 45 54 4 01 54 Feathers.....Scratch 4 54 55 4 54 55 Yesper 44 00 D. M. S. D. M. S. Queen Bee... 22 00 D. W. S. D. M. S. Position Points for race. Points to date (2) Feathers

- Queen Bee CHINESE RIG. Course:-Chung Chau Island (S). Distance 22 miles.

Yacht H'cap on Finishing Corrected Scotengden II 00 DN F DNF Miranda...Scratch D N S Dorothy II 14 40 4 58 34 4 41 54 Lady Godiva 51, 20" D N S D N S Position Pts. for race Pts. to date Dorothy II Scotengden

Oenone ...

Miranda... Lady Godiva -The fifth and last Cruiser Championship Race will be sailed on Sunday 18th instant. Course :- Lamma Island (Starboard). Distance 12.5 miles.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Unions 890 Del Indos..... China Sugars 121 buyers Malabons Hongkong Wharves ... West Points Dairy Farms..... Cements..... 11.35 buyers Waterboats 16 buyers Kung Yiks..... Tis. 121 buyers Shanghai Cottons ... 117 buyers

A LIFE SAVER

TT is safe to say that Chamberlain's L. Colic, Cholern and Diarrhoea Remedy has saved the lives of more people and A Manila contemporary records that parts of the settlement for playing relieved more suffering than any other remed in existence it is known all, over the civilized world for its speedy cures of cramics in the stomach, diarrhous and all intestinal pains. For sale by alle Chemisis and Storekeepers.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

CRISIS "MISSING FIRE." SOME RESIGNATIONS EXPECTED.

Tonbon, March 13.

The Lobby Correspondent of The Times says the political crisis is missing fire. The Lancashire members are divided in opinion and the Parliamentary Free, Trade Committee gwill not participate in the agitation.

issued" by the Covernment, the obension being a "vital" division." between Ochrida and Lake Prespa. to-morroly when the Rr. Hon. Austin GERMAN RUTHLESSNESS. India, nowes a resolution approving of India's War Loan of £100,000,000, It is noteworthy that the motion ! does not refer to the increase in l Nationalists have not decided upon plan their course of actionabut the Labour' members have decided that members may vote as they please.

The Daily Officeriele is confident will note oppose the Government, I three being frost-bitten. thus, precipitating "the calamity of

negeneral election. "The Lobby Correspondent of the Daily News states that Tariff Reformers are intriguing to force fin-

It is resoured that Sir Frederick Cawley, Changellor of the Duchy of Tancashire, Mr. A., H: Hlingworth Fostmaster-General, and Mr. John Walsh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury (all Lancashire members), are othreatening to resign because they were not informed of the Government's decision to in crease the duties.

The Daily News, in an editorial, states that the Government may survive to morrow, but its authority. will be fundamentally shaken.

"CLOSURE" REVIVED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Lonnon, March 12. "The Closure " was applied in the House of Commons, yesterday evening for the first-time since the war begun.

The occasion was the National-Service Bill.

r The Radical and Nationalist opposition was so vigorous (that the the debate adjourned

member for Lanack, rooved a new clause providing for Parliamentary control of the acts of the Director-General of National Service.

"After the debate in which "the servility of the House of Commons to the Prossianism of the Government " was among the epithets employed by Mr. Pringle's supporters, Mr. Cave, K.C., Home Secretary. intimated that Mr. Neville Chamberlain. Director-General of National Service, had agreed to the appointment of an Advisory Committee. Mr. Cave then moved the closure amidst shouts of "Gag."

Mr. Pringle's motion was defeated by 162 votes to 97.

The Nationalist motion that the act should not apply to Ireland was defeated by 48 votes to 76.

On the zg-application of the closure, for a separate Director-General of National Service for Ireland was being debated. The House adjourned.

MR. GERARD REACHES HOME.

New York, March 13. "Mr. Gerard, "ex-Ambassador to Berlin, has arrived at Havana. KEY WEST, March 18.

Mr. Gerard Was arrived here and proceeds by rail to Washington.

ILLNESS OF THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT. N.

, LONDON, March 13. The Duchess of Connaught has passed a restless night. The bronchopneumonia persists and the heart action is weaker. There are also Royal Highness illness four years

TURKEY AND GERMANY.

DIFFERENCES ARISING OUT OF REVERSES IN MESOPOTAMIA.

" Lospon, March 13. A telegram from Vevey states that Rifant Pasha "has left Geneva for

Bodry Boy, the Governor of Constantinople, has arrived in Berlin. Both missions are connected with Turco-German differences arising our of the reverses in Mesopotamia.

THE SOUTH EASTERN ZONE.

Loxpon; March 13. A German official report states: We took 323 Russian prisoners northwards of the Zloezow-Turnopol

STORIES OF SUBMARINE PIRACY.

Lospost March 13. Clerman ruthlessness at sea vote against the Government. The Ly a German submarine on February othe Diala river, an affluent of

> and crew were three days in two Using Hopen boots in inid-Atlantic and suffered unspeakable hardships, one

They were finally picked up by Danish schooner.

Lannon, March 116 ... The submarine which shelled the Storstad on Thursday morning from a distance of four miles was invisible. The crew entered the boats returned to the ship on the abound when the latter re-appeared and torpedoed the Storstad.

and the «submarine came alongside the Captain's boat and questioned him regarding the cargo. The submarine refused to tow their

boots and again shelled the Storstad because oshe was not sinking hist enough. . .

engineer died from exposure," and of the summer heat. Apart from the that the remainder of the crew the valour and endurance of the troops, were landed, two of whom were dead. both British and Indian, such operations

THE FOOD PROBLEM IN RUSSIA. NO QUESTION OF A REVORU-TIONARY MOVEMENT.

London, March 13. Telegrams from Petrograd state that there is no scarcity of food in Russia, but a lack of transport report stage was not finished when organisation for the towns caused a decline in the supplies, especially in Mr. W. M. R. Pringle, Liberal the capital, with consequent dis-"quiet; but the demonstrations were unusually mild. There is no question of a revolutionary movement.

RUSSIAN POLITICS.

PETROGRAD, March 13. The sessions of the Duma and the Council of Empire have been suspend-

FIGHTING IN THE AIR.

CASUALTY RETURNS LONDON, March 13.

Parliamentary Under Secretary to the end of the German East Africa cam- to perform the functions of the in-War Office, stated that the average laign is the provalence of the rainy weekly British casualties due to air season until May, when the Germans fighting for the past six weeks were 7 will be compelled to surrender or enter killed, 8 wounded, 4 missing, He Portuguese territory, where the Porturecalled that it was only last year, and guese are quite prepared to handle them. after heavy aerial fighting at Verdun The enemy only consisted of a remnant and on the British front, that our of the army superiority in the air was established. the Nationalist amendment providing Whereas, at the opening of last year's white troops had departed, the native operations the German concentration battalions whom he had raised owing to the British front. This move is finish up.

hence we must expect severe contests before we can succeed, in throwing the enemy aerially on the defensive.

A SUPPLEMENTARY YOTE OF CREDIT NEEDED.

LONDON, March 13. In the House of Commons, The Rt-Hon. A. Bonnr Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced a supplementary vote of credit to meet "increased and unforeseen expenditure." The "vote would be moved on March 15.

THE LATE ATLANTIC RAIDER DESCRIBED.

Benne, March 12. Fifty-nine Americans from the Varroudale have arrived at Zurich (Switzerland). They state that the complications incidental to Her raider named the Ritz, was a new ship of 8,000 tons and a speed of 18 knots, specially built for

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FALL OF BAGDAD.

"A SERIES OF BRILLIANT OPERATIONS.

TURKS LOST HEAVILY.

Loxbox, March 12. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, as Leader of the Flouse, stated that the occupation of Bagdad was the sequel of a series of brilliant operations carried out by the British and Indian troops with a dash and determination for which no praise was too high: (Cheers). He recalled that after the severe fighting on the right bank of the Tigris, in which heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy, General Maude's crossing of the river near Kut imperilled the safety

of the Turkish army in Mesopotamia. The enemy immediately retired to Ragdad. General Maude pursued with the utmost energy, and not only were We repulsed the French attacking large numbers made prisoners and quantities of material of all kinds taken during the pursuit, but there was good reason to believe that nearly two-thirds of the whole of the enemy's artillery either fell into our hands or was thrown into the Tigris.

On March 5th, our cavalry came up with the Thrkish rearguard, 27 miles from" Eagdad. After an action the Turks abandoned their prepared posicotton duties but it is anticipated further exemplified by the sinking tion. On March 7th, the cayalry that 30 Lancashire members will of the Norwegian steamer Dalgartia found the enemy in position on Trigis, a formidable obstacle over thirty yards wide, and unfordable. General The Captain's wife and the officers | Madde, therefore, withdrew his cavalry and brought his infantry into action. The Turks meanwhile received reinforcements from Bagdad and a formidable resistance was offered on the Diala, govering Bagdael from the south-west. ed the Tigris at the point of confluence with the Diala. Thereupon his cavalry crossed, supported by troops on the right bank. Despite the heat and the dust, the troops brilliantly marched IS. miles, finding the enemy strongly entrenched six miles south-west of Bagdad. The enemy was immediately

driven back two miles." On March 8th, the troops fighting on the Diala established a footing on marine Submerging. They were the northern bank. During March 9th, and 10th, the troops on the right bank, despite dust storms, pressed their advantage, driving the enemy back to The crew gos away from the ship within three miles of the outskirts of Bagdad. Simultaneously troops gained the passage of the river, forcing the enemy, upon Bagdad, which they entered on the morning of Marchallth.

General Mande thus completed his victory at Kut by a pursuit of 116 miles, in which the Tigris was crossed three times. (Cheers). The pursuit was conducted in country destitute of It is confirmed that the fourth supplies, and despite the commencement skill and vigour of the leadership and are only possible in such country after thorough, systematic and most careful arrangements for supply. The fact that General Maude was not only able to feed and munition his army and assure proper attention for sick and wounded but was able to report that he can provide necessities for the army in Bagdad, reflects the greatest credit on the General Staff and all concerned

GAS ATTACKS REPULSED BY · RUSSIANS.:

LONDON, March 12... A Russian communique reports :-- We repulsed enemy gas attacks south-west of Lake Narotch, south-east of Kovel.

THE SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA.

STATEMENT BY GENERAL

LONDON, March 12. In the House of Commons, at Reuter's representative, said that the paration of adequate quarters and time, Mr. Macpherson, only thing delaying the absolute the training of sufficient personne

Practically all the South African

and said they would shortly be available for service elsewhere. Nothing had given greater pleasure than Mr. Long's statement that no German Colony would not paid in. be returned to Germany. The mere suggestion was preposterous. He shud- Samuel Fergusor. The new direcdered to think what would happen to Ltors chosen are. William H. Anderthe natives if any part were returned son, re-elected; Leon Rosenthal, The natives had supported us magni- re-elected; Venancio Concepcion ficently and our prestige in the east vice-president and ex-officio director

ITALIAN WEEKLY REPORT.

ROME, March 13. It is officially stated that for the week ended March 8th the arrivals at Italian ports were 493, totalling 391,211 tons. Take a few closes of Charaberlain's Cough: There were 464 cailings, totalling Remedy and your troubles will soon 315,301 tons. The sinkings were four vanish. For sale by al Chemists and steamers and three sailing yessels.

AMERICA'S "ARMED NEUTRALITY."

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 13. The State Department has notified the foreign diplomats that: American ships traversing the German submarine zone will carry "an armed guard for the protection of the vessel and the lives of persons abourd."

It is expected that European vessels plying to American ports will take advantage of the new ruling of the State Department permitting vessels to be armed fore as well as ait.

THE GRAND FLEET'S CONGRATULATIONS.

LONDON, March 12. The Press Bureau announces that Admiral Sir David Beatty, through General Sir W. Robertson, has conveyed to General Maude the Grand Fleet's admiration of and congratulations upon his magnificent achievement in capturing

BRITISH OPERATIONS ON WESTERN FRONT.

CONTINUOUS AIR FIGHTING.

LONDON, March 12." Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig reports. -- We slightly improved our position north-eastward of Bouchavesnes and entered trenches in the same neighbourhood, securing prisoners, We raided trenches southward of

Air fighting has been continuous. On March 7th, General Mande bridge down or deixand form for the continuous of the Co known to have been destroyed. Five

FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE CHAMPAGNE.

" FRENCH SUCCESSES.

LONDON, March 13. A French official message states:-In the Champagne we re-attacked in the afternoon the German position west of Maisons de Champagne and enptured on mile front all the enemy trenches, also Hill 185. We entered a fortified worl thereon and took a hundred prisoners. There was an artillery duel on both

banks of the Meuse. The Germans in the afternoon bombarded the open town of Soissons with incendiary shells, causing several fires.

RUSSIANS ROUT TURKS NEAR HAMADAN.

LONDON, March 12. Russian communiqué states : We occupied Rissotun, in the region of Hamadan, on March 8th, after routing the Turks, who withdrew to Hadjiahad hard pressed by us.

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The report of the Board of Directors covering a period of from May 2, 1916, to March 5, 1917, states: "." The actual paid in capital of the bank on the date of its inauguration was P3,286,451.04, which included P1,299,960.00, the total amount of agricultural loans taken over by this institution from the late Agricultural Bank of the Philippine Government as part payment of the capital stock subscribed for by the Government.

"The period from May 2 until General \ Smuts. "interviewed by July 22 was consumed in the prestitution. Although from the date o inauguration we continued to pass upon and grant, agricultural loans it was not until July 22, when we moved into our present quarters. 84-96 Escolta, that we began active, actual commercial operations. Our tioned have been as follows:

was before Verdun, to-day it is before the unfavourable climate remaining to On May 2, 1916 P10,947,930.89 does not doubt that the Government of On July 22, 1916 31,414,861.79 the United States will understand the probably connected with the retirement, General Smuts spoke in high terms of On Dec. 31, 1916 50,786,476.53 situation thus forced upon Germany by the natives' magnificent infantry work, On Feb. 28, 1917 63,885,062.68 "These resources do not include the Central Powers, and that copital unsubscribed for or capital Government of the United States will

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THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ANNOUNCING THE SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS.

Following is the text of President Wilson's speech to Congress ann uncing the severance of relations with Ger-

Gentlemen of the Congress: The Imperial German Government on the thirty-first day of January announced to this Government and to the Governments of the other neutral nations that on and after the first day of February, the present month, it would adopt a policy with regard to the use of submarines against all shipping seeking to pass through certain designated areas of the high seas, to which it is clearly my duty to call your attention.

Let me remind the Congress that on

Let me remind the Congress that on the eighth of April last, in view of the sinking on the twenty-fourth of March of the cross-Channel passenger steamer Sussex by a German submarine without summons or warning, and the consequent loss of the lives of several citizens of the United States who were passengers aboard her, this Government made the following declaration

If it is still the purpose of the Imperial

German Government to prosecute relent less and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines, without regard to what the Government of the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity, the Government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue. Unless the Imperial Government should now immediately declars and effect an abundonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels Arras and bombed dug-outs, despite the Government of the United States resistance, inflicting many can have no choice but to sever diploma tic relations with the German Empire

> GERMANY STREUMCTED PLEIMES QUOTED. In reply to this declaration the Imperial German Government gave, this Government the following assurance: The German Government is prepared to do its utmost to confine the operations of war for the rest of its furntion to the fighting forces of the belligerents, thereby also insuring the freedom of the seas; a principle upon which the German Government believes now, as before, to be in agreement with the Government of the United States.

The German Government, guided by this idea," notifies the Government of the United States that the German naval forces have received the following orders: In accordance with the general principles of visit and search and destruction merchant vessels recognized by nternational law, such vessels, both within and without the area declared a naval war zone, shall not be sunk without

warning and without saving human lives, unless these ships attempt to escape or offer resistance. But (it added) neutrals cannot expect that Germany, forced to fight for her existence, shall for the sake of neutral interest restrict the use of an effective weapon if her enemy is permitted to apply at will methods of warfare violating the rules of international law. Such a demand would be incompatible with the character of neutrality, and the German Government is convinced that the Government of the United States does not think of making such a demand, knowing that the Government of the United States has repeatedly declared that it is determined to restore the

from "whatever quarter it has been WARNING OF "ABSOLUTE RESPONSIBILITY" To this the Government of the United States replied on the eighth of May, accepting, of course, " the assurances

principle of the freedom of the sens,

The Government of the United States feels it necessary to state that it takes it for granted that the Imperial German Government does not intend to imply that the maintenance of its newly announced policy is in any way contingent upon the course or result of diplomatic negotiations between the Government of the United States and any other belligerent Government, notwithstand-Imperial Government's note of the

susceptible of that construction. In order, however, to avoid any misunderstanding, the Government of the ernment that it cannot for a moment entertain, much less discuss, a suggestion United States upon the high seas should not joint; absolute, not relative. To this note of the eighth of May the

Imperial German Government made no GERMANY'S LATEST : NOTICE OF

RUTHLESSNESS. On the thirty-first of January, the Wednesday of the present week, the German Ambassador handed to the total resources on the dates men- Secretary of State, the following state-

The Imperial Government, therefore, the Entente Allies" brutal methods of war and by their determination to destroy further realize that the now openly disclosed intention of the Entente Allies gives back to Germany the freedom of action which she reserved in her note addressed to the Government of the United States on May 4, 1916.

Under these circumstances: Germany will meet the illegal measures of her can do nothing less. I take it for granted enemies by forcibly preventing, after February 1, 1917, in a zone round Great-Britain, France, Italy and in the eastern Mediterranean, all navigation, that of neutrals included, from and to England and from and to France, etc. All ships met within the zone will be sunk.

WO ALTERNATIVE BUT A BREAK I think that you will agree with me that, in view of this declaration, which suddenly and without prior intimation of any kind deliberately withdraws the solomn assurance given in the Imperial Government's note of May 4, 1918, this Covernment has no alternative consistent with the dignity and honor of the United States but to take the course which, in its note of April 18, 1916, it

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which it now purposes again to resort.

I have, therefore, directed the Secre- Germany! tary of State to announce to his Excellency the German Ambassador that all diplomatic relations between the United States and the German Empire are severed and that the American ing the fact that certain passages in the Ambassador at Berlin will immediately be withdrawn; and, in accordance with fourth instant might" appear to be this decision, to hand to his Excellency his passports. Notwithstanding this unexpected

action of the German Government, this United States notifies the Imperial Gov- sudden and deeply deplorable renunciation of its assurances given Government at one of the most critical that respect by German naval authorities moments of tension in the relations of for the rights of the citizens of the the two Governments, I refuse to believe subject, to this Order. that it is the intention of the German in any way or in the slightest degree be authorities to do in fact what they have made contingent upon the conduct of | warned us they will feel at liberty to do. other Government affecting the I cannot bring myself to believe that rights of neutrals and noncombatants, they will indeed pay no regard to the Responsibility in such matters is single, ancient friendship between their people and our own or to the solemn obligations which have been exchanged between them, and destroy American ships and tion Commanders. the willful prosecution of the ruthless naval program they have announced their intention to adopt. Only actual

overtacts on their part can make me believe it even now. PREPARED TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS. If this inveterate confidence on my Pier at 9 a.m., returning at about noon. part in the sobricty and prudent foresight of their purpose should unhappily prove unfounded; if American ships and American lives should in fact be sacriheadless contravention of the just and reasonable understandings of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity, I shall take the liberty of coming again before the Congress to ask that authority be given me to use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas.

that all neutral governments, will take We do not desire any hostile conflict with the Imperial German Government. We are sincere friends of the German people and earnestly desire to remain at peace with the Government which apeaks for them. We shall not believe that they are hostile to us unless and until we are obliged to believe it and we purpose nothing more than the resconable defense of the undoubted rights of;

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announced that it would take in the to vindicate our rights to liberty and event that the German Government did justice and an unmolested life. These not declare and effect an abandonment are the bases of peace, not war. God of the methods of submarine warfare grant that we may not be challenged to which it was then employing and to defend them by acts of willful injustice on the part" of the Government of

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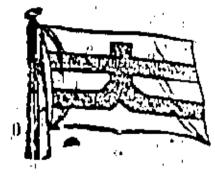
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January 31. CLERICAL ATTACK ON BURNS.

When the year is "five-undstwenty days begun I very few Scors forget celebrate the festival of national poet, Robert Burbs, But the times are not normal, was he large extent allowed to fall into abeyance. Many clubs altogether suspended their activities, and the few suppers held were much clastened in tone. In most of the Burns forations," as" the principal speech is called, prominence was naturally given, to the patriotic poems and to the fervent invocations of liberty and

The feature of the festival was the

publication of an article by the Rev. Principal Dermey, in which, great daring, he called unsparing attention to the weaker sides of Burns' character. He quoted a phrase of Mr. Walter Raleigh in which Shakspeare, was described as the creed of England-su felicitous thought, true even when we test it in detail. There is a long gallery of drinkers in Shakspeare, said Dr. Denney, every one drawn to the life, Stephano, Sir Toby, Pistol, Cassio, "the third part of the world," and many more; there is no savour of Puritanism in the way in which they are depleted, yet no one could say the impression they made, on the mind, is other than morally wholesome? "But would venture to sadbas much for the representation of drinking in Burns? asked Dr. Denney. Making every allowance for the element of extravagance without which drinking songs could not be written at all, in Dr. Denney's opinion — we must reflectantly admit that Buras has provided us with a far less wholesome "creed than Shakspleare has unde authoritative for our neighbours. V. And "! there, is no denying that his practice squared with his ereed; he drank to the last; he drank, as be said himself, when with every bout he gave away a slice of his" constitution." Then, "if repentance could transmel up the consequences of evil we might urge that he repented; but what is his own description? Whiles, but aye ower late, I think ornw soher lessons." Dr. Denney, who is a Prohibitionist, of a prononlineed type, asks if we are to add to our " too lates " by " deferring the day of reckoning with the power

which wrecked the life of Burns? "

And is it to be "the epitaph of

Scotland as well as to the greatest

genius with which heaven has ever

illustrated our poor Sparta? % Needless to say, the heather is one for all the festal gatherings in the Mr and Mrs. Earle Richardson fire, and Burnsians are vigorously, Japanese Navy sang "Ald Lang Mr K. M. Fetterly protesting against this attack on our national bard. It is worse than Henley's, they say, because Henley was an Englishman; they will never forgive Denney because he is a Scotsis that by Mr. D. M'Naught, Presi- copy-book maxims, A. dent of the Burns Federation, "Right thinking Burnsians do not object to greeting which is singularly apt in any one drawing Burns' frailties from this year of strife:their dread abode to point a moral, if he be so minded. What they do Fair Freedom, standing by the tree object to is the singling out of Burns as if he were the chief and only She sang a song o' liberty, sinner of the drunken era in, which he lived; to the blind and unreasoning faith in the hearsey evi- By her inspired the new-born race dence of his early biographers which still obtains; and to the reiteration of malevolent gossip long ago exploded on the most convincing evidence. As for Burns' personal habits we have Gilbert's testimony that up to his natural aversion to alcohol to prepare "ascribed" to Burns. himself to do as the "Romans did." And he died before he was 88. All charges of inebriety brought against him are therefore crowded into the last five years of his life. Pity it is that he too often succumbed to the

temptation l'of aristocratic dialner

too highly strung to keep page with the sensoned topers who in the end contenued his lack of staying power, and passed by on the other side, "".

a great concert as a welcome to some 500 Colonial soldiers of Scottish Mr W. L. L. Barker Dr A. T. Knoderer descent, and incidentally, curmarked Mr R. M. Bartlett Mr and Mrs C. F the profits of the gathering for the Baxter and child Mr and Mrs "L" J. Royal Caledonian School at Bushey Mr L. Beckingsde Mr R. E. Belilios, Mr R. E. Belilios, Mr E. R. Belilios long Napoleonic struggle has fed, Mr and Mrs C. Miss A. Leigh, clothed and educated a multitude of brought many changes, and this year children of Scottish sailors and Mr F. D. Bisseker the cherished custom of honouring soldiers. Lord Derby found time to Mr SoT. Bitting "The Immortal Memory" was to a be present, and delivered a short! speech in which he chaffingly dattered his audience by describing the Miss A. C. Chase Scottish people as, " infinitely superfor to anybody else. Then he gave Mr H. S. Clarke an amusing account of his recruiring Capt, and Mrs S. W. Miss K. F. Mann pexperiences in Lameashire, and of his Mr.A.S. Coffin great difficulty in keeping the men Mr and Mrs C. D. MrE. C. McCullough out of the Scottish regiments. Mr and Mrs J.T. M.Mr L. D. McNicoll " because the attraction of the kills superseded any other attraction he Mr G. L. Courtney Mr J. Merecki could offer." The Scots, he added, Mr C. Coutts" give "a great example to us other Mr F. W. Cox Mr H. F. Morris Mr N. Croucher Mr J. Murdoch Britishers, you carry your nationality Mr.W.B. Davenport Mr.J. S. Nicolson with you wherever you go, you carry Mr and Mrs. F. E. Mr and Mrs O'Brien it generation after generation; and Capt. J. Dewar this advantage gives in your Scottish regiments, whether they are formed Mr.W. A. Dowley

in Scotland or in the great Overseas Dominions, an esprit de corps which Miss M E. Duffy is absolutely invaluable. ". Scottish music is more widesprend than ever, declared Colonel James Canble, of the E.A.M.C. at a Burns Mr.J. Fasse concert. There were more pipers in Mr M. Feldman the world to-day than in the '45. There were more soldiers played into battle by the pipes thun, ever our Mr and Mrs Stuart Mr H. Scott forefathers could have dreamt of. They came in their thousands from (Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the Cape, whole regiments marching Mr P. J. Gray to the great war pipes of Scotland, I'Mr R. Grimshaw Anvone who had travelled knew how Mr H. E. Grumbart Miss A. Square (widespread it was: He had seen the) Black Watch of Canada march through the streets of Montreal to Harvey the "Highland Laddie." He had heard a native Baluchee band of the North-West Frontier of India play Mrs Helmer the Edinburgh Quadrilles from Mr W. B. Hind beginning to end, and the Afghan Mr W. J. Hodge guarding his border listened enthralled." He had heard the "Keel Row" and "Bonnie Dundee" played as the Bengal Laincers trotted and galloped. I past Lord Roberts at Quetta; he had, Mr and Mrs 4. B.Capt. J. Williams. seen the Sikhs march past in the Cant. and Mrs E. L. Mr. G. G. Wood. Punjab 'to the "Barren Rocks of Aden." played by a band of Silch Mr F. M. Joseph Mr F. H. Kales pipers; and as one watched them one feit that the skirl of the pipes and the music fitted well with their gallant bearing. He had seem 20 pipers marching to "The Flowers of, Mrs R. Almonda, Mr J. Joseph, Mr J. R. F. Anderson Mr G. D. Macdônald the Forest" and "The Land of the Mr G, Bannerman Mr G. Matheson Leul" through the streets of Hong- Mr R. H. Beavan Mr W. Budge kong as they proceeded to lay to rest Miss M. E. Bullen a countryman in The Happy Mrs Chadbourne Mr C. W. Chang Valley. And he had taken part in Mr and Mrs T. S. Miss Olivecrons with singing of "Auld Lang Syne!" by

Syne "before they separated. Dr. James Devon, one of the Mr C. Fritz Scottish Prison Commissioners, is a Mr.R. J. Haddon racy and original speaker. In his Mr and Mrs Hammes - children man. One Burnsian declares that oration to the Edinburgh Dunedin Mrs P. M. Harvey the articles is "just such a carping Association he delivered some start- Mr In. Inokuty ecclesiastical attack as Burns him- ling things. "It is something to get Mr B James self would have loved to reply to." into touch with a big man, every if Mr E. James Another writes, "That Burns had it is through his vice," and " perhaps | weaknesses not a few, no genuine people don't go to music halls for admirer will deny; in this respect he music any more than they go to is like that other 'sweet singer in church for religion." - He says these Mr D. K. Blair Miss Jardine Israel, whom in many-ways he so things so gently and insinuatingly Mr and Mrs H. F. Mrs T. J. R. Johns much resembles! " The best reply that they sound as respectable as

Dumfries Burns Club sent out

Her sons did loudly ca' man;

Which pleased them are and a

Soon drew the avenging steel, min; The hirelings ran—her foes gied

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